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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. (10 marks)

1. The exhibition \_\_\_\_\_ all the Indian artifacts will be on at the museum for three months.

- (1) shows
- ☒ (2) showed
- (3) will show
- (4) showing

(4)

2. Jack did not finish his work \_\_\_\_\_ he had a lot of time to complete it last night.

- (1) since
- (2) unless
- (3) because
- (4) although

(4)

3. You cannot have the best of both worlds. You must choose \_\_\_\_\_ the two.

- (1) among
- (2) beside
- (3) amongst
- (4) between

(4)

4. Neither rainbows nor the moon \_\_\_\_\_ able to emit light on its own.

- ☒ (1) is
- ☒ (2) are
- ☒ (3) was
- ☒ (4) were

(1)

5. If you felt weak while driving yesterday, you should have pulled over, parked and rested, \_\_\_\_\_?

- (1) didn't you
- (2) hadn't you
- (3) haven't you
- (4) shouldn't you

(4)

6. Mr. Tang's children had fallen asleep by the time he \_\_\_\_\_ his work.

- ☒ (1) completes
- ☒ (2) completed
- ☒ (3) has completed
- (4) had completed

(2)



7. Can you tell me \_\_\_\_\_ the agenda for today's meeting is?

- (1) what
- (2) when
- (3) whom
- (4) which

(2)

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8. "Let \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ be the first to hear the good news, please?" Audrey reminded Jenny.

- (1) she ... I
- (2) her ... I
- (3) she ... me
- (4) her ... me

(4)

9. No sooner had I turned my back on Blackie \_\_\_\_\_ he started chewing the shoes again.

- (1) then
- (2) than
- (3) while
- (4) when

(2)

10. Helen was watching her favourite television programme when she heard someone \_\_\_\_\_ on the door.

- (1) knock
- (2) knocks
- (3) knocked
- (4) had knocked

(1)

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer.  
(5 marks)

11. The bridegroom \_\_\_\_\_ a grin on his face as he posed for pictures with his bride.

- (1) wore
- (2) carried
- (3) applied
- (4) displayed

(4)

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12. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the witness was questionable. She kept changing her account of the events leading to the crime.

- (1) dignity
- (2) humility
- (3) integrity
- (4) eligibility

(3)

13. Children must be \_\_\_\_\_ against giving away their personal particulars to strangers on the internet.

- (1) informed
- (2) cautioned
- (3) threatened
- (4) encouraged

(2)

14. The dilapidated building has been \_\_\_\_\_ and a school will be built in its place.

- (1) renovated
- (2) decorated
- (3) demolished
- (4) reconstructed

(3)

15. That painting is not a/an \_\_\_\_\_ but it is a good replica of the one painted by Vincent.

- (1) hoax
- (2) fake
- (3) original
- (4) specimen

(4)

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For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). (5 marks)

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The medical report affirmed that shock resulted in her (16) loss of memory. A fortnight ago, she had been in the building where workers were taking away the power boxes at ceiling level. They were in the east side of the building.

While the workers were nipping the boxes with propane torches, a part of insulation caught fire. The workers attempted frantically to (17) put it out but it spread swiftly through the insulation tubes and the building had to be (18) cleared of occupants without delay. Regrettably, four people (19) died in the fire. The others were treated at the hospital nearby.

After an investigation of the scene, the fire department has concluded the cause of the fire and has, (20) in the aftermath, notified the company of its need to review its system of removing power boxes.

16. (1) absentia  
(2) amnesia  
(3) anaemia  
(4) arrhythmia

(3) 2

17. (1) distinguish  
(2) extinguish  
(3) relinquish  
(4) vanquish

(2)

18. (1) discharged  
(2) eliminated  
(3) evacuated  
(4) excavated

(3)

19. (1) diminished  
(2) finished  
(3) perished  
(4) vanished

(3)

20. (1) adequately  
(2) appropriately  
(3) posthumously  
(4) subsequently

(4)



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## THE INVENTION OF

# The Printing Press

Dark & Middle Ages



Any writings and drawings had to be completed meticulously by hand. Such tasks were reserved for scribes who lived and worked in monasteries. They would work in silence, first outlining the layouts and then painstakingly copying the text from another book. Later, the illuminator would take over to supplement the pages with designs.

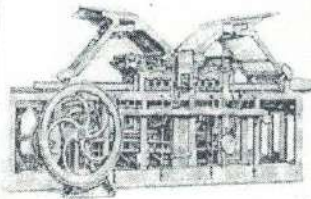
1300S - 1400S

A simple method of printing, which involved letters or images cut on blocks of wood, had been developed. These blocks would be dipped in ink and then stamped onto paper.



Late 1430S

A German man named Johann Gutenberg realised that if he could use cut blocks within a machine, he could make the printing process more efficient. Furthermore, he would be able to reproduce texts in larger quantities. However, instead of using wooden blocks, he used metal instead. This was the printing press, in which the metal block letters could be rearranged to create new words. Q26



Initially, the noble classes despised the cheaper, mass-produced books. To them, hand-inked books were a symbol of luxury. Thus, printed materials were at first more popular with the lower classes. However, the printing business developed into a new trade as soon as words of the printing press spread.

Printed texts became a new way to spread information to vast audiences quickly and cheaply. This increased the discussion and development of new ideas. A revolution of communication is hence said to have taken place with the invention of the printing press.

Towards the 19<sup>th</sup> century

Other inventors created steam-powered printing presses that did not require a hand operator.

Today

Printing presses are electronic and automated, and can print much faster than before!



For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer.  
(8 marks)

21. The 20% discount is not for \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) tertiary students
- (2) financial planners
- (3) physical fitness teachers
- (4) Educare Account holders

(2)

22. Timothy will not qualify for a 20% discount off his purchases if he \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) verifies that he is a teacher
- (2) buys items that are on offer
- (3) spends less than \$250 for the total bill
- (4) goes to the Bukit Timah Road branch instead of the Terrance Road branch

(2)

23. A polytechnic student intends to spend \$267 on compact discs and magazines during the offer period. He will get \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) a limited edition miniature ancient printing press keychain
- (2) an electronic gift card
- (3) a coin pouch
- (4) 20% discount for both items

(1)

24. Which one of the following statements is true?

- (1) There will be no discounts on special orders.
- (2) Every student who comes will get a free gift.
- (3) This offer is only available to Educare Account holders.
- (4) This offer will not be valid from 5 August 2015 onwards.

(1)

25. During the Dark and Middle Ages, the reproduction of writings and drawings was \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) reserved for anyone who lived and worked in monasteries
- (2) completed by both the scribes and the illuminators
- (3) done with cut blocks dipped in ink and then stamped onto paper
- (4) non-existent

(4) 2

26. Gutenberg's printing press \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) made use of metal block letters which could not be rearranged to create new words
- (2) made use of wooden block letters which could not be rearranged to create new words
- (3) made use of metal block letters which could be rearranged to create new words
- (4) made use of wooden block letters which could be rearranged to create new words

(3)

27. What was the initial reaction of the noble classes when the printing press was introduced?

- (1) They were impressed by the technology of printing.
- (2) They were delighted that there was an alternative to hand-inked books.
- (3) They were prejudiced against the cheaper, mass-produced books.
- (4) They were furious that books could no longer be hand-inked.

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28. The invention of the printing press led to 'a revolution of communication' because

- (1) the noble classes and the lower classes debated fiercely over it
- (2) printed texts allowed information to be disseminated to vast audiences quickly and cheaply
- (3) the printing business developed into a new trade as soon as words of the printing press spread
- (4) modifications were made to Gutenberg's printing press in later years

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) and ✓	(D) at ✓	(G) in ✓	(K) than ✓	(N) themselves.
(B) almost ✓	(E) but	(H) on ✓	(L) them	(P) which
(C) apart ✓	(F) by ✓	(J) over	(M) then	(Q) whose ✓

Track events decide the best competitor (29) (F) J a certain distance. Field events test the competitor's ability to throw (30) (A) jump the furthest or the highest. (31) (G) sprint races, athletes begin using starting blocks and sprint at (32) (B) full speed for the duration of the race. (33) (D) the finish, the runners are often just hundredths of a second (34) (C).

Sprinters must abide (35) (F) the rules and remain in their lanes throughout the race. The winner is the one (36) (Q) torso crosses the finishing line the earliest.

Long distance runners need to train to improve their endurance rather (37) (K) their speed. They pace (38) (H) throughout the race so that they still have adequate energy for a final burst of strength at the finish of the race.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

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(39) undoubtedly

In the history of medicine, penicillin has undoubtedly saved more lives than any other drug.

(40) recognition

Alexander Fleming was the man who first brought penicillin to world recognition. He was a

Scottish farm boy who was sent to London to live with his brother at the age of thirteen.

(41) unsatisfying

After a series of unsatisfying jobs, Alexander was encouraged to study medicine.

(42) accomplished

He was a worthy scholar as well as an accomplished sportsman. During the first World War, he

(43) to

served as a medical officer with the British army. When he returned for civilian life, he began

to research on bacteria at St. Mary's Hospital.

(44) would

Most of the scientists will not keep the dishes in which they grew their samples, but

(45) grown

Alexander often retained all the bacteria that he had grew for extensive periods. It was this

(46) sensational

specific habit of his that led to a sensational discovery. One day, he discovered green mould

(47) thriving

thrived on one of his samples and that all the bacteria around the edge of the mould were

(48) conclusion

(49) effectively

dying. He then arrived at the conclusion that the mould had worked effectively against many

of the disease-causing bacteria. The mould was identified as Penicillium Notatum and

(50) named

Alexander later name the chemical it produced "Penicillin".

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Marcos flapped his wings anxiously. It was a long way (51) over ~~X~~ to the beach. Everything was in place. The feathers were glued on pretty well. The wooden struts were sturdy. But could he fly?

"Go on," said Jing Hui. "There's only one (52) way to know." Dino barked noisily and ran around their legs, waiting (53) for the fun to begin. As if by magic, the canine stopped 'playing' and moved stealthily to the side, waiting patiently for whatever drama was going to (54) unfold.

"It's all right for you," said Marcos. "You're not going for the competition." Suddenly he ran towards the edge of the stone wall facing the waters and jumped. He plunged into mid air and flapped his arms furiously. Panic (55) crossed his face. He flapped (56) even harder. "No!" he yelled.

He plunged down, rolled (57) over ~~X~~ in the sand and lay still. Jing Hui ran down to meet him. "Are you alright?" he hollered. Marcos lifted up a sandy face, spat out some granules of sand and nodded. He undid both (58) straps and very calmly and consciously left (59) them on the sand.

"It'll never work," said Jing Hui. "You'll never win the Flyboy competition like that. You can't jump off the (60) edge of a jetty in those. You'll just drop (61) like a deadweight. An awfully wet deadweight," Jing Hui unsuccessfully tried to stifle a giggle. Marcos looked down at the ground as if in (62) defeat but then an almost eerie winning grin formed on his lips.

"It doesn't (63) matter," said Marcos. "I'm going to pick up my Uncle John's hang-glider this evening. A real one. You watch me fly over the waves (64) and get that. This year my opponent Roy isn't going to win for once."

"My uncle's aerodynamic and lightweight 'flyer' will beat Roy's and anybody else's entry. Nobody will stand a (65) chance!"



For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. Mrs. Ang drank her tea. The waitress offered to refill her cup.

No sooner ~~than~~ Mrs Ang drank her tea, the waitress offered to refill her cup.

67. Willy was shocked to see his neighbour's house. It was on fire.

The sight of his neighbour's house on fire shocked Willy.

68. The police officer stayed awake for two whole nights to maintain peace and order in the neighbourhood.

The police ~~offer~~, maintaining peace and order being the priority, stayed awake for two whole nights in the neighbourhood.

69. The tourist did not know the way to the cafe so he asked the guide.

Not knowing the way to the cafe, the tourist asked the guide.

70. To get an excellent conduct grade, you need to be courteous and punctual.

Both Courteousness and punctuality are needed to get an excellent conduct grade.

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

The two divers in snorkelling gear dropped backwards off the inflatable raft into the Pacific Ocean. <sup>Q71</sup> Vigilantly, they swam towards the humpback whale lying exhausted in the waves. A huge flipper, about three metres long - the whale's left pectoral fin - rose up a metre away. One slap could kill a man.

<sup>Q72</sup> Thick nylon ropes, called 'blue steel' because of their strength, were wound around the fin, through the whale's mouth and over its head. In some parts, the lines sliced so deeply, they disappeared into the animal's flesh. Left like this, the whale would die.

Swimming downwards, the divers, Leon and Ken, saw the animal was a female, some 16 metres in length. <sup>Q73 + Q78(a)</sup> Her tail was securely wrapped with about twenty ropes wound upwards and around her flipper. She was stuck fast - and using every ounce of energy to keep her blowhole above water.

Leon's heart sank as he looked at the tangled mess. <sup>Q78(b)</sup> There's no way we're going to save this whale, he thought, but he realised they had to try.

Using their dive knives, the two men started sawing at the 12-millimetre-thick blue rope. Instead of thrashing at them with her fin, the whale stopped moving entirely. <sup>Q74</sup> Even after they cut her flipper free, she remained calm and still. I think she knows we're trying to help her, Leon thought.

The blue ropes still ran across the whale's head and through her mouth from side to side, like a gag. She had struggled so aggressively <sup>Q75</sup> against the ropes earlier that they had cut into her flesh. Ken severed the ropes, then <sup>Q76</sup> ragged with all his strength to remove the pieces. It was like pulling giant dental floss. This had to be terrifying for her, hurting her, but remarkably, she remained calm.

It was well after three hours after the rescuers arrived at the scene before Leon finally got down to the last few ropes. <sup>Q76</sup> They were severely embedded in the blubber of the tail and he could not pry them loose. Not knowing how the animal would react, he shoved his knife in and <sup>Q76(c)</sup> began cutting. "I'm almost there," he muttered through his breathing apparatus. "Just two more ropes. I'll be done and you'll be released."

He made the final cut and surfaced with a shout of celebration. "Hooray! She's free!" Ken joined in the chorus. Finally liberated, the whale did a shallow dive. Leon turned around. "Where did she go?" he called out.

The next thing he knew, she was coming up from below and straight at him. <sup>Q77</sup> Hey! I just saved you, he thought, relief turning to anxiety as she rushed at him. The humpback stopped about thirty centimetres from his chest, nudged him, then turned away and did the same to Ken. Then it swam in a circle around the divers. It swam with them for a good ten minutes. Leon, who has had more than his share of adrenaline-inducing adventures says, "I've spent twenty-six years in the military doing high-risk rescues but nothing's more gratifying than this one. Nothing."



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71. Which word in the first paragraph shows that the divers exercised great caution when approaching the whale? [1 m]

vigilantly

72. Explain clearly what happened to the whale. [2 m]

The whale was entangled in thick blue ropes, which rapped around its tail, flipper and mouth. The ropes were so deep that they cut into its flesh.

73. How can we tell that the whale was probably in pain? [2 m]

She was stuck fast - and using every ounce of energy to keep her blowhole above water.

74. How did Leon know that the whale was aware they were trying to help her? [2 m]

Even after they cut her flipper free she remained calm and still.

75. What does the word 'This' (line 21) refer to? [1 m]

It refers to Ken severed the ropes, then tugged with all his strength to remove the pieces. It was like pulling giant dental floss.

76. Give two reasons why rescuing the whale was a tedious job: [2 m]

1. They were severely embedded in the blubber of the tail.
2. He could not pry them loose.

77. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1 m]

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|---|--|
| 2 | Leon managed to remove ropes which were embedded in the blubber of the tail. |
| 3 | Ropes which ran across the whale's head and through her mouth were removed.  |
| 1 | The flipper of the whale was cut free.                                       |



78. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3 m]

	True/ False	Reason
The whale struggled to stay afloat to breathe.	True	She used every ounce of energy to keep her blowhole above water. ✓
Leon initially gave up on the rescue mission when he saw how tangled the mess was.	False	There's no way they're going to save the whale, he thought, but he realised they had to try. ✓
Leon cut the blubber of the tail by accident.	False	Not knowing how the animal would react, he showed his knife and began cutting. ✓

79. The divers misunderstood the intention of the whale when it carried out some actions after it was free. What were the misunderstood and actual intentions of the whale as observed from its actions? [2 m]

Misunderstood Intention	Action
He was scared that the whale want to injure him. ✓	The whale came up from below and rushed straight at Leon.

Actual Intention	Action
The whale was actually showing gratitude. ✓	The whale stopped about thirty centimetres from Leon's chest, nudged him, then turned away and did the same to Ken.

80. The structure of the text reflects Leon's feelings during the rescue of the whale. Complete the flow chart by choosing one word from the box to summarise the main feeling described in each part of the text. [4 m]

Leon's feelings

Triumphant	Satisfied	Uncertain	Dismayed
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Flow Chart

